

Now what, in point of actual fact, did President Johnson say? Well, I'll quote what he said from the very text of his television remarks:

"There were times when he—meaning Khrushchev—was guilty of dangerous adventure. It required great American firmness and good sense—first in the Berlin crisis and later in the Cuban missile crisis—to turn back his threats and actions without war. Yet he learned from his mistakes and was not blind to realities.

"In the last two years, his government had shown itself aware of the need for sanity in the nuclear age. He joined in the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. He joined in the hot line which can help prevent a war by accident. He agreed that space should be kept free of nuclear weapons. By these actions he demonstrated good and sober judgment."

Commenting editorially on Senator Goldwater's distortions of President Johnson's statement, the *Baltimore Evening Sun* correctly declared:

"If Senator Goldwater cannot or will not rightly read and understand a few sentences in a plain statement, who will take the risk of supposing he can, or will, rightly read and understand the course of events and the needs of policy in a complex and dangerous world."

These statements by Senator Goldwater and his followers have caused much consternation in Republican ranks that the more prominent, the more responsible members of the GOP simply are refusing to support their party's candidate. Last Saturday night, October 24th, at a gigantic Democratic rally and motorcade in Baltimore, Theodore R. McKeldin, the Republican mayor of that city, leader of the Republican party in my State, the man selected in 1952 to nominate at the Republican National Convention, General Dwight Eisenhower as the Republican choice for President and the man I succeeded as Governor of Maryland, warmly welcomed Lyndon Johnson to Baltimore with these words.

"The basic beliefs held by Lyndon Johnson, a member of the party of Jefferson and Jackson, are the basic beliefs that guide my actions and the actions of legions of others with whom I share the political heritage bequeathed by Abraham Lincoln. He believes the toughest battles yet to be won are the battles against poverty, ignorance and disease and that is our deep conviction also. He believes, as we do, in responsible leadership, responsive not to fanaticism but to the